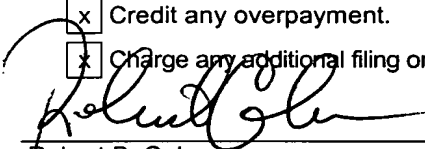
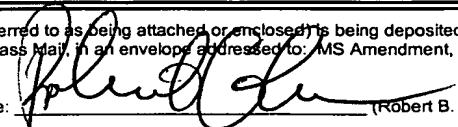




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Invention: INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD					
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 29, 2005, in which claims 40-79 were subject to a restriction requirement, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

In the Official Action of November 29, 2005, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 among three allegedly distinct inventions, namely:

Group I, referring to claims 40-51 and 68-79, drawn to a device that decrypts encrypted keys of a received EKB;

Group II, referring to claims 52-66, drawn to a method that generates an encrypted message using renewed keys; and

Group III, referring to claim 67, drawn to distribution of hierarchical nodes.

The Examiner has contended that the inventions of Groups I, II, and III do not relate to a single inventive concept in that